

Ronald McDonald House

Description: Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis have three locations near local hospitals where families of seriously ill children can stay for little or no cost during treatment. They run on the idea that nothing else should matter besides the child. The Ronald McDonald Houses provide meals, living space, and activities for the families who are staying there. The Ronald McDonald Family Rooms are located inside Mercy Children's Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital, and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, steps away from the pediatric intensive care unit and/or neonatal intensive care unit, and are where families can find refuge, comfort, and care within the hospital.

Address: Office: 300 Ronald McDonald House Lane, Park Ave.; **Home:** 3450 Park Ave.; **West Pine Home:** 4181 West Pine Blvd.

Phone Number: 314-400-4334

Email Address: volunteer@rmhcstl.com

Website: <http://www.rmhcstl.com>

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- **Taking volunteers? Many on-site volunteer opportunities have been suspended temporarily. However, you can still sign-up to be a regular volunteer on the website, <https://rmhcstl.com/volunteer/volunteer-regular/>. You can serve as a house volunteer, family room volunteer, or a maintenance volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact McKenna Bunjan, Volunteer Coordinator, at mbunjan@rmhcstl.com or 314-400-4334.**
- **If yes? COVID Policies?**

Transportation: Varies based on which location. One Ronald McDonald House (Park Ave.) is located directly across Grand, Ave. from SSM St. Louis University Hospital and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Student volunteers can take the SLU Grand Shuttle to Crave, St. Louis Public Transportation, a private vehicle, or walk (not recommended due to safety).

Mission Statement: St. Louis' three Ronald McDonald Houses serve as a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children being treated at area hospitals, and provides support to organizations that serve the needs of children.

Service Opportunities:

- House Volunteers: As a House Volunteer, you welcome families to The Ronald McDonald House. It may be a warm, friendly smile to a returning family or helping a family settle in for the first time. Other duties could include giving House tours, maintaining a home-like environment and providing support to House staff. Day and evening shifts are available.
- Family Room Volunteers: As a Family Room Volunteer, you provide a warm welcome and supportive atmosphere to families coming to use our Ronald McDonald Family Rooms. Our Family Rooms are inside area hospitals and provide a break from the hospital setting for the families of pediatric patients. You would register guests, perform simple record-keeping, light housekeeping and offer tours of the Family Room to visitors.

Days/Times:

- House Volunteers: Monday-Friday, 9am-9pm in 3 hour shifts
- Family Room Volunteers: Any day of the week, including weekends, 9am-9pm in 3 hour shifts.

Volunteer Pre-Requisites:

Minimum age requirement is 18 years old, application, background check (no cost), interview, TB Test (family room only), and orientation/training session.

Contact AVP (Ananta Sriram) at (anantamanjulahasini.sriram@slu.edu) if you have any questions about this site!